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Subject: LOTRONEX by GLAXO WELLCOME, Inc.

DEAR MS. WOODCOCK:

I AM totally DISTRAUGHT AND DEPRESSED by the FDA's DECISION (as well to REMOVE LOTRONEX from the U.S. market).

THIS FDA ACTION LEAVES ME WITH NO HELP WHATSOEVER FOR MY DIARRHEA - PREDOMINANT IBS WHICH CAUSES ME ABDOMINAL PAIN, CRAMPING, URGENCY & DIARRHEA.

THIS IS A SERIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO COMPARABLE DRUG ON THE MARKET.

BEFORE TAKING LOTRONEX, I WAS NOT ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.

SINCE I STARTED TAKING LOTRONEX WHEN IT WAS APPROVED IN MARCH 2000, I HAVE HAD IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE RELIEF FROM THIS HORRIBLE & PAINFUL DISEASE.

I AM NOW ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE FREE FROM THE DEBILITATING IBS CRAMPING, URGENCY AND DIARRHEA.

TO DEPRIVE PATIENTS OF THE ONLY DRUG THAT RELIEVES THESE DIARRHEA IBS SYMPTOMS, SEEMS VERY ARBITRARY AND CRUEL.

I AM ASKING THAT THE FDA REINSTATE LOTRONEX TO THE U.S. MARKET IMMEDIATELY, AS CALLED FOR IN A COMPASSIONATE USAGE SITUATION.

AS THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND REPLY.

I NEED THIS DRUG TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE!!!

Thank you,

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